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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CREDIT RATINGS: WARREN AND CLEO DURHAM
INVESTMENTS

1. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED ABOUT BONA FIDES OF MR. AND MRS.
HENRY WARREN DURHAM (POSSIBLY J. WARREN DURHAM) OF WARREN
AND CLEO DURHAM INVESTMENTS INC., ORANGE, CALIFORNIA. HE
AND HIS WIFE ARE FREQUENT VISITORS TO GUATEMALA, HAVE LOST
MONEY IN ONE CROOKED BUSINESS DEAL HERE, AND ARE NOW
OFFERING FINANCING FOR SEVERAL LARGE INVESTMENTS. THEY
CLAIM TO REPRESENT PRIVATE US INVESTORS AND TO BROKER
MONEY FOR SEVERAL CALIFORNIA BANKS (WELLS FARGO, UNION, ETC).

2. WE HAVE TWO BUSINESS ADDRESSES FOR THEM IN CALIFORNIA
AND A THIRD, POSSIBLY HOME ADDRESS, IN OREGON.

A. 315 S. ORANGT STREET TEL. (714) 541-5361
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92666 TELEX 67;401 TABIRIN

B. 1205 WEST CYPRESS AVENUE TEL. (714) 5993832
SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA 91755

C. 947 ROBIN HOOD AVENUE
EUGENE, OREGON 97401.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EVALUATION OF DURHAM'S
CAPABILITY TO OFFER LARGE SUMS OF INVESTMENT MONEY.
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